India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association informed the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan by their letter of 10.9.88 that the Association would launch a phased agitation to press its various demands. The phased agitation was to comprise of the following:

(i) A signature campaign.

(ii) Rallies on 21.11.88 at 15 Regional Offices of the Sangathan and other cities.

(iii) Mass Casual Leave on 10.2.89.

(b) to (d) According to the Press release issued by the AIKVTA on 9.2.89, Mass Casual Leave programme was deferred on the basis of an assurance by the Chairman, KVS to consider the demands sympathetically. The Minister of State, as Chairman of the KVS, gave a hearing to an AIKVTA delegation on 28.11.88 about their demands. Also the Joint Consultative Machinery has been constituted in the KVS which the Teachers Association can use for discussion of their demands.

Revenue earned by Railways from Paradip Port

*50. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total revenue earned per annum by Railways from Paradip Port on the movement of goods; and

(b) what is the target set by the Railways during the last 3 years and achievement made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Total earnings collected at Paradip Port from goods Traffic for the year 1987-88 were Rs. 28.9 crores.

(b) No revenue targets are set for individual stations.

Deaths due to stampede at New Delhi Railway Station

*51. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some persons died and many others injured in a stampede following panic among the passengers at the New Delhi Railway Station recently when suddenly the arrival of Shaheed Express was changed from No. 6 to No. 4 platform;

(b) if so, what are the circumstances for changing the arrival platform of Shaheed Express suddenly leading to the chaos;

(c) whether any inquiry in this regard has been made to fix the responsibility for the accident; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents; and

(e) whether any compensation has been paid or is proposed to be paid to the next of kin of the dead and relief to the injured?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Four persons lost their lives and two sustained injuries.

(b) Due to repeated alarm chain pulling on 921 Up North East Express, the arrival of this train was getting delayed. To avoid heavy detention to other incoming trains the earlier plan of nomination of platforms had to be changed.

(c) and (d) Departmental enquiry conducted by a Committee of three officers has been completed. The recommendations made by the Enquiry Committee are under consideration.